

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

By Powell

A RESOLUTION to honor Walker Zimmerman of Nashville SC, a member of the 2022 FIFA World Cup U.S. Men's National Team.

WHEREAS, it was with immense pride that the members of this General Assembly learned that Walker Zimmerman of Nashville SC was selected to represent the United States of America as a member of the U.S. Men's National Team (USMNT) for the 2022 FIFA World Cup; and

WHEREAS, Walker Zimmerman was named to the twenty-six-member squad by U.S. Soccer in early November and was joined on the team by Nashville SC teammate Shaq Moore; the two are the first pair of Nashville SC players to play in the World Cup; and

WHEREAS, in the opening game of the 2022 World Cup against Wales, Mr. Zimmerman played all ninety minutes, tallying a 94 percent passing accuracy rate, six clearances, four headed clearances, and two recoveries; and

WHEREAS, in the next match against England, he played all ninety minutes at center back, including a crucial block against England's Harry Kane and five recoveries and two clearances to help the USMNT keep a clean sheet to earn the crucial draw; and

WHEREAS, he entered the decisive group stage finale against Iran as a replacement in the 82' minute, imposing his will in the air with a number of crucial headers along with a goal line clearance to secure the three points and help the U.S. finish second in Group B and advance to the Round of 16; and

WHEREAS, a center back for Nashville SC, Mr. Zimmerman was acquired by Nashville prior to the 2020 season via a trade with the Los Angeles Football Club as the new franchise sought the highly talented MLS veteran's abilities and leadership to build the young squad; and

WHEREAS, a native of Georgia, Mr. Zimmerman has proudly represented the United States previously, earning thirty-three USMNT caps and serving as team captain five times before his selection for the 2022 World Cup roster; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the members of this General Assembly specially recognize this exceptional athlete on this tremendous honor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Walker Zimmerman of Nashville SC on being named to the 2022 FIFA World Cup U.S. Men's National Team. We applaud the outstanding efforts of Mr. Zimmerman and his teammates during the competition that made their fellow Americans so very proud of Team USA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.